

Please amend claims 2, 56, and 90 as follows:

1 ~~2~~ (2x Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a feline CD86 or a feline soluble CD86 ligand consisting essentially of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5.

5 ~~56~~ (Amended). The vector of claim ~~55~~⁴ designated B7-2#19-2/011298 (ATCC Accession No. 209821).

90 (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid consisting essentially of a nucleotide sequence which encodes a feline CD86 ligand or a feline soluble CD86 ligand having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 6.

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